

## **Colleen's Contemplations – April 2009**

I was asked to talk about kids this month, not the annoying-winey-hate-whatever-I-cook kids that live in my house, but the amazing kids our community is raising. There are kids at Prairie collecting spare change to donate to us. They are hoping to cover the costs of several of the meals we gave out this last weekend. One of our young friends sold water, raising \$6.25 to “help out families”, her words. Another young friend raised \$14 by selling wood. He wanted to “donate to help out”. We had at least a dozen kids helping on Saturday. Really helping, not just playing. They assembled cleaning buckets, and food bags, and helped carry items for people who picked up their meals. I get to see great kids every time the store is open too. Older kids play with younger kids to give parents a chance to shop. Kids help other kids find just the right toy or book. Kids find things to give to siblings that aren't there. We also have awesome Intermediate volunteers who assemble our birthday bags each month. They pick out a special gift for every client. Our younger volunteers are constantly organizing and tidying the toys and books for us. Where do all these great kids come from? They aren't raising themselves people, you are doing a great job! Thank you for setting such great examples for our future leaders. We are all making a difference.

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